



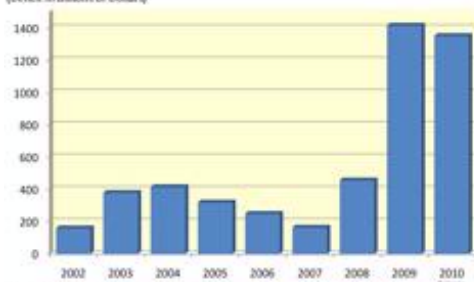
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Dear Friend,

Although some of the seeds of our budget crisis were planted long ago and cultivated by previous Congresses and previous Presidents who failed to make hard decisions with respect to the federal budget, this is no excuse for failing to address the issue now. Furthermore, accelerating the budget's spiraling out of control will undermine the prospect for long term economic growth and impose an intolerable burden on our children and grandchildren.

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Federal Deficit
(Deficit in Billions of Dollars)



Source: Office of Management Budget & Congressional Budget Office

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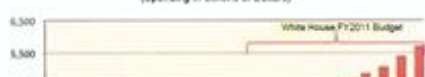
I would like to take President Obama at his word when he said in the State of the Union, "[F]amilies across the country are tightening their belts and making tough decisions. The federal government should do the same."

Unfortunately, this is not reflected in his budget proposal.

As I said the night of the State of the Union, I commend the President for speaking of the need for fiscal discipline and for taking responsibility for adding \$1 trillion to our debt. In fact, I also agree with and support his request that Congress make its earmark requests publicly available online – this is a discipline of transparency that I have practiced for my own federal funding requests since entering office in the 109th Congress. **But more than the speech the President delivered, it is the budget that he crafted that reveals his vision of "fiscal responsibility."**

On Monday the Administration released its budget for 2011. Although the President has

Spending Restraint?
(Spending in Billions of Dollars)



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spoken about fiscal responsibility and restraining the growing level of spending, the budget exposes an entirely different agenda. The federal

government must do better if it hopes to restore the trust the public has lost over the days and years because its concerns about the exploding deficit have gone ignored.

The Administration's budget would:

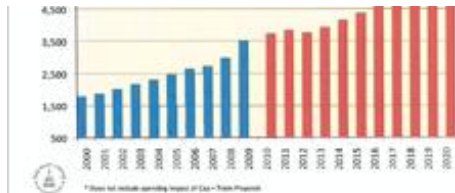
- double the debt in five years and triple it by 2019 from 2008 levels;
- increase the debt to \$9.3 trillion, or 63.6 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the largest debt in our history and the largest percentage of our GDP in 59 years;
- require Congress to increase the debt limit for the fifth time in fewer than two years;
- increase our deficit to \$1.6 trillion, or 10.6 percent of GDP, which is the largest percentage of our GDP since World War II;
- set a spending freeze at 2010 levels, which are 84 percent higher than 2009 levels and only affects 13 percent of the overall budget;
- include new entitlement spending, the largest being a new health care entitlement ringing in at \$1 trillion;
- increase taxes by more than \$2 trillion over 10 years; and
- include tax increases (in the form of cap-and-trade taxes and a tax on those who do not purchase health insurance) for those who make less than \$250,000.

We can do better than this. I believe that Congress must listen to the American people, and not just cut waste out of our budget, but stop the growth in government spending. The Minority is working on putting together an alternative budget, which you will be able to find on the House Budget Committee's [website](#).

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress



Ten year projection included in the Administration's FY2011 budget and can be viewed online at www.budget.gov

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I believe the President's budget

- ☐ will return our nation to a path of fiscal discipline.
- ☐ will add to our nation's budget problem.
- ☐ Unsure

I believe the President's budget

- ☐ contains necessary spending to prop up our economy until we fully recover from the recession.
- ☐ contains spending that will undermine long-term economic growth.
- ☐ Unsure

Any other comments?

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